

State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE
Acquisition of Robin's Nest Water Company
Drinking Water SRF Project # 10 13 45 03

Date: November 21, 2012

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the town's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Mrs. April Douglas Senior Environmental Manager SRF Programs 317-234-7294; adouglas2@ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:

Refinance of the acquisition of Robin's Nest Water Company

Town of Cedar Lake

7408 Constitution Avenue, P.O. Box 707

Cedar Lake, Indiana 46303

SRF Project Numbers:

DW 10 13 45 03

Authorized Representative:

Mr. Ian Nicolini, Town Manager

Town of Cedar Lake

II. PROJECT LOCATION

See Figure 1, which illustrates the existing Cedar lake service area and that of the Robin's Nest water company.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

By acquiring the Robin's Nest Water Company, Inc. ("Robin's Nest"), Cedar Lake ensured continued delivery of reliable drinking water to Robin's Nest customers.

IV. PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

A. Cost Summary: Robin's Nest Water Company Purchase

SRF Eligible Items
Robin's Nest Water Utility Purchase Price

Actual Cost \$727,048.03

B. Cedar Lake is requesting a total loan amount of \$1,314,000 which consists of the utility purchase in the amount of \$727,048.03 and the reimbursement of construction related SRF eligible expenses for the installation of the 129th Avenue water main project that was previously approved by the SRF Program on September 24, 2010 in the amount of \$590,064.63. The utility purchase and the installation of the water main for the 129th Avenue project have already occurred. Cedar Lake will be reimbursed through a 20-year loan of \$1,314,000 from the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program at a fixed interest rate to be determined at the time of loan closing. The total amount of both projects is \$1,317,112.66. The difference between the loan amount and the total project costs will be funded through local funds.

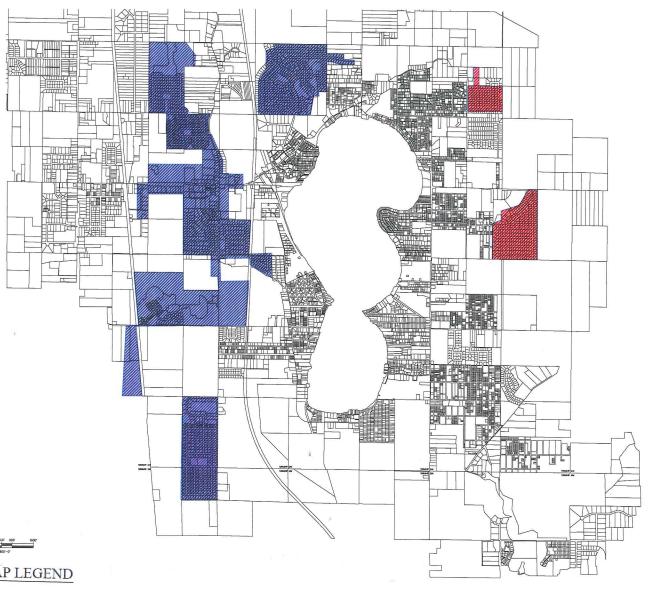
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Cedar Lake's purchase of Robin's Nest had no environmental impact. Consistent with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) in the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held on October 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Cedar lake Town Hall located at 7408 Constitution Avenue. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing.





MAP LEGEND

EXISTING CEDAR LAKE WATER UTILITY SERVICE AREAS FORMER UTILITIES INC. AREA

FORMER ROBINS NEST AREA